

REMARKS

The foregoing amendment is being presented to correct typographical errors in the claims as allowed. The amendment of Claim 47 (renumbered as Claim 19) is to correct a typographical error regarding duplication of terms in the claim. Thus, this typographical correction is fully supported by the application as filed and does not introduce new matter.

The Applicants gratefully appreciate the Examiner's attention in correcting this typographical error in the claims.

Applicants also wish to request the Examiner's assistance in ensuring that their file for the subject application is complete. Upon review of this application upon receipt of the Notice of Allowance, Applicants noticed that they have not received a copy of the acknowledged Information Disclosure Citations Form PTO-1449 corresponding to their submission of December 6, 1995. This Information Disclosure Statement listed the references which were previously submitted to or cited by the Office in the parent applications upon which the present application relies for an earlier filing date under 35 U.S.C. § 120.

Accordingly, this Amendment is accompanied by a copy of the Information Disclosure Statement (including Form PTO-1449) which was submitted by Applicants on December 6, 1995. In addition, a copy of the postcard which acknowledges receipt by the Office on December 11, 1995, is also enclosed. In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.8(b) the undersigned practitioner attests that in light of the regular business practices of the Patent Department of Merck & Co., Inc. he had a reasonable basis to expect that the correspondence would be mailed on the date indicated. Further, as evidenced by the copy of the acknowledged postcard this correspondence was in fact received by the Office.

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To ensure completeness of their files, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner return a copy of the initialed Form PTO-1449 to Applicants for their records. Applicants gratefully appreciate the Examiner's assistance in this matter.

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